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SUBJECT: ANTARCTICA

1) DEPTOFF HAS LEARNED FROM GOA DIPLOMATS STATIONED IN EUROPE THAT GOA HAS UNDERWAY A MAJOR POLICY REVIEW ON ANTARCTICA. AS EMBASSY AWARE, MINERAL AND LIVING RESOURCE ISSUES NOW FACING TWELVE ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTNERS RAISE BASIC QUESTIONS ON THE CONTINUED VIABILITY OF THE TREATY SYSTEM. DEPTOFF UNDERSTANDS, HOWEVER, THAT GOA REVIEW IS NOT REPEAT NOT LIMITED TO RESOURCE ISSUES BUT INCLUDES ENTIRE GOA ANTARCTIC POLICY.

2) GOA DEL POSTURE AT MEETINGS OF TREATY PARTNERS HAS SUGGESTED GOA IS EAGER TO RESOLVE LIVING RESOURCE ISSUES WITHIN TREATY FRAMEWORK LARGELY IN ORDER TO KEEP THE CONFIDENTIAL

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MATTER OUT OF THE UNITED NATIONS OR OTHER GLOBAL FORA ON MINERAL RESOURCES, HOWEVER, GOA HAS TAKEN AN EXTREME TERRITORIALIST POSITION THAT HAS LED US REPS TO QUESTION WHETHER GOA IS EVEN INTERESTED IN SERIOUSLY ADDRESSING POSSIBLE INTERNATIONALLY AGREED APPROACH IN THE TREATY FRAMEWORK OR OTHERWISE. MINERAL RESOURCE ISSUES, TOO, COULD LEAD TO UN ACTION ON ANTARCTICA IF TIMELY AGREED SOLU-

TIONS ARE NOT REACHED BY ANTARCTIC TREATY PARTNERS.

3) DESPITE BASIC DIFFERENCES BETWEEN USG AND GOA ON QUESTION OF SOVEREIGNTY IN ANTARCTICA, DBPT. BELIEVES ACCOMMODATION IS POSSIBLE THAT BUILDS UPON ANTARCTIC TREATY. IT IS CRITICAL TO THIS OBJECTIVE THAT GOA POLICY REVIEW RESULT IN REASONABLE POSITION LOOKING TOWARD INTERNATIONAL SOLUTIONS TO ANTARCTIC PROBLEMS.

4) REQUEST EMBASSY ANALYSIS OF LIKELY GOA LONG-TERM OBJECTIVES AND COMMENTS ON WHETHER APPROACH BY USG COULD INFLUENCE GOA POLICY REVIEW IN POSITIVE DIRECTION.

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5) EMBASSY SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT CONTACT GOA OFFICIALS AT THIS TIME.

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